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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/623,040

Group Art Unit: 2881

Filed: August 25, 2000

Examiner: B. Souw

For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM IRRADIATION EQUIPMENT  
AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)  
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98  
AND CONDITIONAL PETITION REQUESTING  
CONSIDERATION OF THE IDS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. This IDS should be considered:

(a) when filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or within three months of the filing date of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

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2. When 1(a)-(c) do not apply, then it is requested that this IDS be placed in the file.

3. Listing of the information submitted is on the attached Form PTO-1449, which forms a part of this IDS. A copy of each listed document is enclosed when needed (needed for U.S. and foreign patents, publication or portion thereof listed; no copy of a U.S. patent application is needed; a copy of a document is not needed when previously submitted or previously cited by the PTO in a parent application of the present application as set forth under 35 U.S.C. § 120).

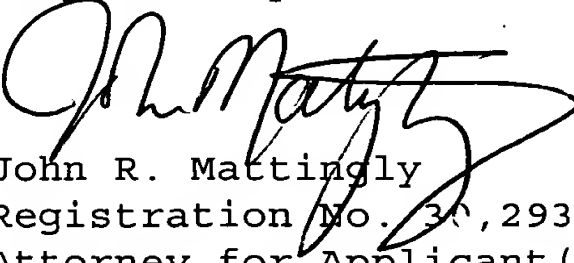
4. If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. No explanation of relevancy is being provided for the documents listed in the attached PTO-1449 form, because they are discussed in the present Specification, or their relevance is as stated in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, copy enclosed.

Enclosed are English abstracts of the documents filed with the IDS on August 25, 2000: JP-A-6-112000 and JP-A-8-88972; and the English publication of EPO7790821A2 corresponding to JP-A-9-223600.

6. If the PTO determines that part(s) of the required content is inadvertently omitted, then it is requested that the Applicant(s) be given additional time and specific identification of such omission(s) to enable full compliance.

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